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BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS  
ADDRESSED ENDEAVOR CON-  
GRESS IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK

Takes Optimistic View of the Unify-  
ing Power of Christianity.

Chicago, July 13.—The fifth world's and twenty-seventh international convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor was opened in the Coliseum, July 5. It closed July 15.

Among the distinguished members of the convention was Bishop Alexander Walters, who addressed the body on the subject, "Christianity, the Solution of the Race Problem." He spoke in part as follows:

"I admit that race prejudice is deep seated, stubborn, and one of the hardest things to eradicate in all the world. The learning and culture of the Greeks and the Romans were unable to eradicate race prejudice. Even Christianity as practiced in the ages past has been unable to conquer it. But in order to know whether Christianity will in the future overcome and destroy race prejudice, we must take a retrospective view and see what deep-rooted and gigantic evils Christianity has overcome and destroyed. Christianity met and struggled with the monster paganism—throttled it and strangled it to death. When the struggle began paganism had learning, court influence, wealth and prestige on its side; while Christianity had poverty and was without learning or wealth—but it had the Christ-life—the divine life—divine love, an inherent force on its side, and with these qualities it has conquered paganism. Christianity has slain the Goliath of Slavery.

"When I study the history of the past it appears to me that Jehovah has, throughout the ages, carried forward His great work of reformation and civilization by the selection of one great truth at a time, and making it paramount until it found lodgment in the hearts of men.

"First. It was the great truth of the Fatherhood of God, that was put forward. Said Jehovah, 'I am God, and besides me there is none else. I am the Father of all living and have universal dominion.' It required centuries to make the world accept this truth, but with the acceptance of this truth came the overthrow of ancient idolatry.

"Second. The second great truth presented to the world was the Christ—the life and light of the world—He said of himself, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' To Pilate's question, 'What is the truth?' Christ answered, 'I am the truth.' Men said, 'We care nothing for your pretensions, and we will not have you reign over us.' The struggle for mastery began at the beginning of the first century and has continued until now. It is admitted on all sides that Christ has conquered. The spirit of the Galilean is today the controlling influence in legislation. Christ is the inspirer of all

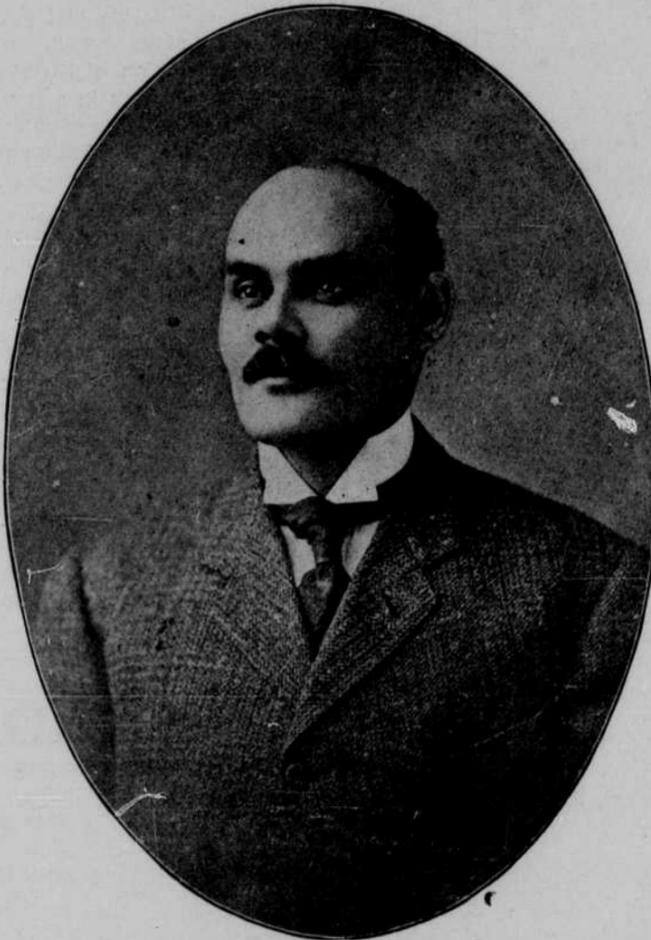
## Think on These Things

ALL MEN SHOULD AIM TO BE

"Men who never shame their mothers,

Men who never fail their brothers,

Men who stand for country, home and God."



DAN DESDUNES, BANDMASTER  
Director of the Popular First Regimental Band Now Giving  
Municipal Concerts.

the reform movements of the world of which we hear so much.

"Tyrannies, race discrimination, the burning of Negroes at the stake, oppression of women, ignorance, poverty and crime coexist with the Christian religion in different lands. Still I am sure that the vital forces of which I have spoken, that mighty power which has uprooted gigantic evils, will overcome these evils.

"Third. The third great truth is the recognition of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the world. He is counseling, guiding and controlling in the affairs of men. We are just beginning to understand that the Holy Spirit is the executive of the God-Spirit—that He is the Eternal Spirit—the vital force in the world. We are getting our eyes open to see this great truth—and to see the need of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

"Fourth. The fourth great truth is Redemption. The sacrificial death of Christ to save the world. His atonement. At last the truth of redemption

has found lodgment in the hearts of men and a place in literature. Redemption is an established fact and men are being saved through this great truth.

"Fifth. The fifth great truth is the brotherhood of man and to establish this fact and make it workable is the work of the twentieth century. The brotherhood of man is the acme of the teachings of Christ.

### Handicaps.

"With oriental people their handicap is race rather than color, because they have not been favored with leadership and have not made the same progress that European people have made. They are considered inferior, and thus denied equality. With the native African it is color and race that are their handicaps, and being still further back than the orientals in the race of life it will require a longer time to achieve an equal place in the human family. It is Christianity, and Christianity alone, that is to level the barriers and

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## DEATH OF JUDGE GIBBS OF LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Had Distinguished Career.

Little Rock, Ark., July 13.—Judge Mifflin W. Gibbs, one of the early pioneers of the Negro race, died at his home in Little Rock on Sunday, July 11, at the ripe old age of 93 years.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1822, and in early life was apprenticed as a carpenter, which trade he followed for several years. His first appearance in public was in the cause of abolition and it was while engaged in this fight that he met Frederick Douglass, with whom he spoke at many public meetings. In 1849 he went to California during the gold rush and there established, in partnership, a large mercantile store.

In a few years he came back East and married, and on his return to the West settled in Vancouver, British Columbia. He here had the distinction of getting and completing the contract to build the first railroad in British Columbia. He also became prominent in the political affairs of Vancouver. He returned to the states in the late '60s and settled in Oberlin, Ohio, so that his children might receive their education at Oberlin college.

The little village of Oberlin was too progressive for a man of his active and acute business mind; so, leaving his family there, he went to the growing Southwest and settled in Little Rock, Ark. Here he studied law and grew to be a power in the politics of that state. In 1872 he was elected a municipal judge of Little Rock, being the first man of his race to achieve this honor. For a generation he was a delegate at large from Arkansas to the Republican national conventions and was one of the "Old Guard" that went down with Grant. He held four high federal offices under as many Republican presidents, the last being that of United States Consul to Madagascar.

Judge Gibbs was a man of philanthropic heart as well as keen intellect and derived his greatest happiness from his benefactions to any and all enterprises which sought the betterment and uplift of his people. In his honor the city of Little Rock named a high school after him a few years ago. He was also a considerable and able writer for newspapers and magazines and was the author of "Shadow and Light," an autobiography which is really a contemporaneous history of the colored people as he saw it and knew it.

He is survived by three children, Mrs. Ella Gibbs Hunt, wife of Hon. William Hunt, United States Consul to St. Etienne, France; Horace Gibbs, an Illinois business man, and Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Marshall, wife of Counsellor S. Marshal, of New York city, and founder of the Washington Conservatory of Music.